Near collision of Aircrafts during Repubic day Parade

†2357. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that during rehearsal of Republic Day parade an incident was averted when one Sukhoi aircraft and one plane of Air India came so close that they could have been collided with each other;

(b) if so, tne details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the results of the said investigation; and

(e) the details of precautions and corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken during such air rehearsals in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A Su-30 aircraft of the Indian Air Force and an Airbus A-310 of Air India came close to each other during the rehearsal of the Republic Day parade on 23rd January, 2005.

(c) to (e) The matter is under investigation with the Director General, Civil Aviatiion (DGCA)/Ministry of Civil Aviation. Officers from the Indian Air Force are also participating. The report is yet to be submitted by the DGCA.

A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Indian Air Force to enhance and upgrade flight safety.

Welfare Schemes for Ex-Servicemen

†2358. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for welfare, rehabilitation and employment of Ex-servicemen being implemented up to 28th February, 2005;

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(b) the district-wise number of Ex-servicemen of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh who have been extended this benefit during the last two years;

(c) the number of Ex-servicemen resideing in these districts; and

(d) the details of facilities being given to these Ex-servicemen by State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) The following schemes for the welfare, rehabilitation and resettlement of ex-servicemen are being implemented:—

I. Rehabilitation and Resettlement Schemes:—

(i) **Reservations in jobs:** The Central Government has reserved 10% of vacancies in Group C posts and 20% in Group D posts for ex-servicemen. Central Public Sector Undertakings and Nationalised Banks provide 14.5% reservation in Group C and 24.5% in Group D posts available with them. 10% posts of Assistant Commandants in Central Para Military Forces are also reserved for ex-servicemen. 100% posts are reserved for ex-servicemen in Defence Security Corps. In addition, many State Governments are providing reservation to ex-servcemen in the State Govenment jobs.

(ii) **Security Agencies:**—The Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR), registers/sponsors security agencies for providing security guards to various Public Sector Undertakings and industries in private sector.

(2) Self-employment:

(i) **Loan Assistance Schemes:**— There are several schemes for self-employment financed by banks and other financial institutions.

(ii) **Ex-Servicemen Coal Transportation Scheme:**

DGR sponsors Ex-servicemen Coal Transport Companies for the execution of loading and transportation of coal in various coal subsidiaries of Coal India Limited.

(iii) **Coal Tipper Scheme:**

The widows of defence personnel who died while in service due to causes attributable to military service can be sponsored by DGR for attaching one tipper truck in their name with an Ex-Servicemen Coal Transport Company. The eligible widows have to deposit Rs. 85,000/- with any nominated company and she is paid Rs, 3,000/- per months for five years and thereafter, the initial deposit amount of Rs. 85,000/- is repaid to her.

(iv) **Allotment of Oil Product Agencies Under Defence Category:**

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has reserved 8% of the Oil Product Agencies, *i.e.* LPG dealership petrol pumps, kerosene distributorship etc. in the marketing plan for widows and dependents of those who died in death attributable to military service and disabled soldiers with the disability attributable to military service.

(v) **Management of CNG Stations in National Capital Region (NCR):**

Retired officers are given management of CNG station in the National Capital Region.

(vi) **Allotment of Army Surplus Vehicles:**

Ex-Servicemen/widows of Defence personnel who died while in service are allotted Army surplus/phased out vehicles on the basis of depot wise seniority maintained by them.

(vii) **Allotment of Mother Dairy Milk and Fruit & Vegetable Shops in and around Delhi:**

Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks are allotted Mother Dairy Milk Shops and Fruit & Vegetable shops in the National Capital Region.

II. TRAINING:

Many training programmes are organized by the DGR for ex-servicemen and personnel about to retire in the field of management, information technology, tourism, finance, Human Resource Development, law etc.

through a number of institutions all over the country.

III. WEFLARE SCHEMES FOR EX-SERVICEMEN:

(i) **Financial Assistance from Raksha Mantri's Discretionary Fund:**

A portion of the earnings of Armed Forces Flag Day Fund is set apart as Raksha Mantri's Discretionary Fund which is used to provide financial assistance to poor and needy ex-servicemen for various purposes *viz.* medical treatment, daughters' marriage, house repair, education of children etc.

(ii) **Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS):**

A comprehensive medical care scheme known as Ex-servicemen Contibutory Health Scheme (ECHS) on the pattern of the Central Government Health Scheme has been introduced with effect from 1st April, 2003.

(iii) **Educational Concessions and facilities for wards of ex-servicemen/widows:**

Reservation of seats have been made for the wards of ex-servicemen/ widows in Sainik School, MBBS, IITs/Polytechnics and other professional courses. Free educational facilities to children of defence personnel killed or disabled in action is provided in schools/colleges recognised by the Central or State Governments.

(iv) **Canteen Stores Department (CSD) facilities:**

Ex-Servicemen and their families are entitled to Canteen facilities available in Units/establishments.

(v) **Travel Concessions:**

War widows, war disabled officers, gallantry award winners and their dependents are given liberal rail and air travel concessions.

(b) The number of ex-servicemen who have been given placement in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in the last two years is as follows:—

	2003	2004
Madhya Pradesh	149	89
Chhattisgarh	31	14

(C) Number Of Ex-servicemen Registered With Various Rajya Sainik Boards/Zila Sainik Boards As On December, 2004

(A) Madhya Pradesh

Sl.No.	Name of the District	Ex-servicemen
1.	Anuppur	20
2.	Ashok Nagar	59
3.	Balaghat	93
4.	Barwani	37
5.	Betul	353
6.	Bhind	5306
7.	Bhopal	1892
8.	Burhanpur	104
9.	Chhatarpur	214
10.	Chhindwara	308
11.	Damoh	189
12.	Datia	168
13.	Dewas	410
14.	Dhar	318
15.	Dindori	26
16.	Guna	96
17.	Gwalior	4190
18.	Hoshangabad	511
19.	Harda	56
20.	Indore	2398
21.	Jabalpur	3642
22.	Jhabuna	77
23.	Khandwa	114
24.	Khargaon	133

Sl.No.	Name of the District	Ex-servicemen
25.	Katni	300
26.	Mandia	176
27.	Mandsaur	103
28.	Morena	2744
29.	Narsingpur	394
30.	Neemach	107
31.	Panna	160
32.	Raisen	87
33.	Rajgarh	63
34.	Ratlam	215
35.	Rewa	3494
36.	Sagar	677
37.	Satna	1750
38.	Senore	103
39.	Seoni	138
40.	Seopur	39
41.	Shahdol	241
42.	Shajapur	157
43.	Shivpuri	219
44.	Sidhi	1151
45.	Tikamgarh	184
46.	Ujjain	518
47.	Umaria	76
48.	Vidisha	107
	TOTAL :	33917

B. Chhattisgarh:

Sl.No.	Name of the District	Ex-servicemen
1.	Raipur	865
2.	Dhamtari	59
3.	Mahasamund	63
4.	Baster	59
5.	Kanker	38
6.	Dantawada	23
7.	Bilaspur	562
8.	Baikunthpur	42
9.	Janjgir	175
10.	Korba	255
11.	Sarguja	159
12.	Durg	1059
13.	Kavardha	08
14.	Raigarh	121
15.	Jaspur	1145
16.	Rajnandgaon	119
	TOTAL:	4752

(D) Concessions/Benefits Being Extended to Retired and Serving Defence Personnel:

Madhya Pradesh

1. 10 per cent reservation in Group 'C' posts and 20 per cent in Group 'D' posts for ex-servicemen (ESM)
2. Priority for employment to disabled ex-servicemen
3. An initial grant of Rs. 500/- is given to next of kin of prisoners of war and missing soldiers during war and Rs. 60/- per month to each minor children till return of missing soldier.
4. Grant of Rs. 2,500/- per annum is paid to those parents whose only child/all the children are employed in Defence.

5. Reservation of 3 and 5 per cent seats each in Medical colleges and Engineering colleges respectively. 5 per cent seats in polytechnic, M.Ed. & B.Ed.
6. Free medical aid in Government hospitals
7. Priority in allotment of cement quota for construction and repair of houses by serving and retired Defence personnel.
8. Sainik Rest Houses in the State.
9. Financial assistance to ESM/widows from Amalgamated special Fund for reconstruction and rehabilitation of ESM, Madhya Pradesh.
10. Education stipend to the wards of ESM from Amalgamated Special Fund for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of ESM, Madhya Pradesh.
11. Preferential allotment of Industrial plots/sheds and Fair Price Shops to ex-servicemen.
12. 2 per cent reservation each in allotment of house sites and houses and 10 per cent reservation in National Permits for ex-servicemen.
13. Rent Control Act and Land Tenancy Act favourable to ex-servicemen/dependents.
14. Cash grant to Gallantry Award winners
15. Exemption from payment of Public Service Commission fees to ex-servicemen including Short Service Commission Officers/ Emergency Commission officers.
16. Allotment of 5 acres of agricultural land to ex-servicemen whose total income does not exceed pension of a Sub. Major.
17. 50 per cent House Tax exemption provided if ex-servicemen is not paying Income Tax.
18. Benefits to war widows/dependents of those killed/disabled in war including casualties of OP Pawan, OP Megdoot and OP Vijay:
    a) Age relaxation upto 35 years to war widows and priority in employment in State Civil jobs.
    b) Ex-gratia grants of Rs. 10,00,000/- to the families of officers, Junior Commissioned officers and Other Ranks killed in action.
    c) Marriage grant for daughter/dependent sister — Rs. 10,000/-

d) Plots of sizes 1200 to 1800 sq.ft. @ 50 per cent of minimum cost provided houses are constructed within 5 years.

e) Exemption from tuition, hostel fee and free issue of text books.

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1. Monetary grants to Gallantry Award Winners
2. Marriage grant for daughter/dependent sister - Rs. 10,000/-
3. Cash grant to the widow/dependents of ESM
4. (a) Ex-gratia grant to widow/dependents of officers/JCOs/ORs killed in action - Rs. 10,00,000/-.

   (b) Cash grant to armed forces personnel disabled in action.

   (c) Compassionate appointment to a dependent of armed forces personnel killed in action.

   (d) Free medical treatment to the Armed Forces personnel disabled in action.

   (e) Tri cycle and scholarship to the children to those ESM who are disabled in action.

Renovation of Ballard Bunder of Mumbai

2359. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ballard Bunder of Mumbai naval dockyard is being reshaped, renovated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Gate would be open to the public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only the area surrounding the Ballard Bunder Gate is being cleared.

(c) and (d) In view of the heritage status of the Ballard Bunder Gate, limited access for its public viewing will be permitted, with prior security clearance.